Pirappancode-Pothencode Village Road.

287 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedmangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long it is since the Pirappancode-Pothencode Village road remains as such : and

(*b*) what would be the approximate amount for constructing the above village road into a cartable gravel road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Since 1098 M. E.

(*b*) About Rs. 22,000.

Nedumangad-Shorlacode Road.

288 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleaesd to state :

(*a*) whether any allotment has been provided in the budget for the improvement, etc., of the Nedumangad-Shorlacode road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the allotted amount has been utilised for the purpose or diverted for any other purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Inspection of the Thalavady river.

289 *MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the part of the Thalavady river, which was the subject of interpellation in this House, as steadily silting up so as to impede navigation ;

(*b*) if he has, whether he has been satisfied as to the need of removing the obstruction in the current of the river ; and

(*c*) whether he has made any recommendation to Government to remove the menace to navigation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He is having an estimate prepared for submission to Government.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works.

290 *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, before the starting of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric works, expert opinion was obtained ;

(*b*) if so, who was the expert whose services were obtained ;

(*c*) whether he was shown any other alternative scheme and

(*d*) whether the opinion of that expert could be availed of now regarding the possibility of starting Hydro-Electric works at Idiki ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

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